FM radio licences

2738. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the list of commercial FM radio stations which have started functioning along with date of functioning, station-wise;

(b) the list of parties who have given bid for various commercial FM radio licences in various States and have not yet launched operations;

(c) the action taken against those who have not yet launched operations;

(d) whether the FM slots not operationalised yet, will be offered to other parties to run FM radio stations; and

(e) whether Government will reconsider the policy of offering FM slots to the highest bidder in view of failure of this policy in the past?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) List of FM radio station and the dates on which operating licences were issued to them is at Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Bank guarantees have been encashed in respect of one company and action for encashment of Bank Guarantees in respect of two other companies is being pursued in the High Court of Mumbai.

The list of companies who signed licence agreements for setting up radio stations, but are yet to operationalise them is at Statement-II. (*See* below)

(d) and (e) There is no proposal to offer non-operationalised FM slots to other parties.

Statement -I

List of Commercial FM Stations that have begun Functioning and the dates of operationlisation

S.No.	Name of FM Centre	Name of Licencee Company	Date of issue of wireless operating licence by Wireless Planning & Co-ordination Wing (WPC)
1.	Bangalore	M/s Music B' cast Pvt. Ltd.	28.06.2001
2.	Indore	M/s Entertainment Network India Ltd.	01.10.2001
3.	Lucknow	M/s Music B' cast Pvt. Ltd.	10.12.2001
4.	Ahmedabad	M/s Enterainment Network India Ltd.	10.12.2001
5.	Pune	M/s Entertainment Network India Ltd.	16.04.2002
6.	Mumbai	(i) Entertainment Network India Ltd.	18.04.2002
		(ii) Music B' cast Pvt. Ltd.	21.05.2002
		(iii) Millenium (Mumbai)	29.04.2002
		(iv) Radio Mid-day(west)	29.04.2002
		(v) Radio Today (Mumbai)	29.04.2002

Statement-II

List of companies who have signed licence agreements for setting up radio stations

1. Names of companies who have paid the first year's licence fees but are yet to launch operations.

S.No.	Name of Company	Cities
1.	M/s Entertainment Network (India) Ltd.	Bhubaneswar, Cuttack Jabalpur

S.No.	Name of Company	Cities
2	M/s Sun TV Limited	Coimbatore, Tirunelveli
3	M/s Udaya TV Limited	Visakhapatnam

2. Names of companies who have time till 29th August, 2002 to operationalise.

S. No.	Name of company	Name of Centres
1.	M/s Entertainment Network (India) Ltd.	Delhi Chennai Kolkata
2.	M/s Music Broadcast Pvt. Ltd.	Delhi
3.	M/s Radio Today (Delhi/Kolkata)	Delhi Kolkata
4.	M/s. Mid-day Radio North/South (India) Ltd.	Delhi Chennai
5.	M/s. Millenium Delhi/Chennai B' Cast (Pvt) Ltd.	Delhi Chennai
6.	M/s. Sun TV Ltd.	Chennai
7.	M/s. Hitz FM Radio India Pvt. Ltd.	Kolkata
8.	M/s India FM Radio Pvt. Ltd	Kolkata
9.	M/s Vertex B, casting Co. Pvt. Ltd.	Kolkata

3. Names of the companies who have withdrawn

S. No.	Name of Company	Cities
1.	M/s Vertex B, casting Co. Pvt. Ltd.	Indore, Bhopal and Vishakhapatnam
2.	M/s Entertainment Network India Ltd.	Lucknow and Hyderabad
3.	M/s Music Broadcast Pvt. Ltd.	Nagpur and Patna